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LIGHT INDUSTRY PERSONNEL SITUATION EASING;
UNPRODUCTIVE EXPENDITURES HIT

Raw material costs represent a high proportion of net production cost in light industry; for example: footwear industry, 67 percent; knitted goods, 50 percent; fur products, 74 percent; sewn goods, 90 percent. Success in the economy drive is obviously impossible unless every scrap of waste is cut out of the productive process. Low-quality products, rejects, low equipment productivity, work stoppages and unproductive expenditures are the major economic leaks in light industry. It is recognized that 18 percent material waste in the manufacture of knitted goods, 7 - 10 percent in sewn goods, and 25 - 30 percent in footwear pattern cutting is necessary. The important thing is to find new ways of cutting the consumption of raw materials by plants and better ways of utilizing the materials that are bought.

Full labor forces and the presence in many enterprises of a large number of workers above T/O requirements have brought about a lax attitude on the part of managerial personnel toward labor and equipment productivity. In February it was shown that 8.8 percent of footwear workers, 11.4 percent of knitting workers and 14 percent of glass workers were failing to meet their output quotas.

An unproductive expense which still plagues light industry is the payment of large sums in the form of fines and penalties for late payments of bills and demurrage on freight cars at plant sidings.

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